

HISTORY
OF
CUBA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BLAKELY, GEORGIA

Southwest Georgia Presbytery

1922 CUBA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1948

In 1922 the Synods Work Committee sent Miss Anna Mae Cunningham a consecrated Presbyterian Worker and Mr. C. A. McGirt member of Poulan Church and a student at Union Seminary to Early County where there is no Presbyterian church. The Cuba church was organized with ten (10) members at home of Mrs. Chas. H. Smith Jr.

In 1923 Sunday School and prayer meeting organized, Mr. D. C. Cook was elected Elder and Mr. T. H. Davenport was elected deacon. Dr. Ralph Gilliam, Synods Supt. of Home Missions, held a meeting which added 17 new members. He was in this field for several months and with help of the people a building was erected and dedicated in 1924.

The dedication of Cuba church marked a great day for Southwest Georgia Presbytery. Nearly every church, in its pastor, elder or auxiliary member, had a representative. Beside the people of the community, there were many from Blakely and other nearby towns. The congregation overflowed the church and the service lasted all day with an intermission for dinner on the grounds. Mr. Wm. A. Watt, Chairman of Home Missions, presided and Rev. L. G. Henderson, of Albany, preached in the morning and Rev. J. B. Ficklen, Synod's Executive Secretary, in the afternoon.

Cuba Community House. No sooner was the church dedicated than Dr. Gilliam conceived the idea of a community house on the same lot with the church to become the social center of the whole section. It was soon erected at a cost of \$1,400.00, \$1,000.00 of which being the gift of Mrs. Gertrude Haskell, a Maine, wintering in Thomasville, and the remaining \$400.00 from other subscriptions. The purpose of the community house is for the carrying on community work, consisting of kindergarten, domestic science classes, sewing classes, reading room and medical dispensary. Besides, here is the meeting place of the farmers in discussing their problems. Here the meeting place of the Community League to secure rural telephone, electric light and power service. Here the meeting place of the law or order league to enforce the prohibition and other laws. In a year the Cuba church has grown to 70 members with crowded congregations at Sunday School. Christian Endeavor and regular church services, and already there are six individuals, each setting apart a "Lord's Acre", the proceeds from the products of which go into the Lord's Treasury.

So thoroughly had Presbyterianism taken hold of Cuba and even Blakely, the county seat of 2,500, seven miles away, that Dr. Gilliam's original project of a Presbyterian church at Blakely, which was at first impossible, humanly speaking, was now in easy reach. Thus in a little while the Blakely Presbyterian church was organized, the building erected of white brick and dedicated, Dr. J. B. Ficklen, of Decatur preaching the sermon. This church along with Cuba, with which it is grouped under the pastoral care of Rev. E. H. Chapman, is making fine progress. 1924-

Pastors serving Cuba Church: Dr. Ralph Gilliam -
Mr. C. M. Campbell who both helped build church. F. H. Chapman -
C. U. Leach - R. D. Littleton - Kenneth Stewart - J. S. Davis -
M. C. Liddell - W. E. Snipes - J. F. Turner - J. Don Skinner.

Other workers serving were Miss Cunningham, Margaret Hastey,
Elizabeth Smith, Julia Stokes, Miss Hampton, Adaline McIver.
Most of the Pastors served part time. In 1948, Rev. J. Don
Skinner began holding services there once a month. Plans were
made for church to be repaired.

1948 Deacons are W. B. Hester, Harvey Bates, Frank Powell,
Joe Taylor. Supt. of Sunday School, Mrs. Charlie Moore. Teacher
of Sunday ~~Sun~~ School Mrs. W. B. Hester.

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CUBA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ROUTE, BLAKELY, GEORGIA
1950-1951

Rev. J. Don Skinner resigned as Pastor in March, 1951.

New members received - 5 new members on Profession of Faith - 9 by letter.

Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Jones;
Miss Geraldine Harris
Bobby Creel
Mrs. Collie Houston
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Harris

Mr. Houston Creel
Miss Charlene Houston
Mrs. Jimmie Taylor
Mr. Oscar Creel
Mr. Billy Ray Harris

Dr. & Mrs. A. E. Taylor

One infant baptized - ⁺Stephen Hester -

One death - Mrs. G. O. Lindsey - June 16, 1950. She had been a faithful member for 25 years.

Two children recited the child's catechism - Jack and Jimmie Grimes.

MRS. W. B. HESTER - Historian



Cuba Church Near Blakely, Ga.

Rev. J. Don Skinner is pastor. Notice the large number of young people in the group

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CUBA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 1950-1951

The Young People of the Cuba Presbyterian Church are now experiencing one of the most spiritual and cooperative times in the history of the church.

We are proud to acknowledge that during our annual Vacation Bible School three of our young people were used as teachers of different classes.

With whole-hearted co-operation and constant work, the yards and surroundings of our church, have been improved 100% - shrubbery and flowers have been planted and our church is a more attractive and inviting place of worship. The pews have been varnished and the floors painted and waxed. This has been accomplished by our young people.

Each Christmas we have our annual Christmas program, in which approximately 40 people take part. This is a big event in Cuba, and our people look forward to it at this time - through the co-operation of our Sunday School and young people, and each person that attends the program is given a gift in behalf of our church.

We have a wonderful Sunday School, and our attendance is constantly improving. Our Superintendent is Charles R. Elliott, one of the young men of the church. Billy Ray Harris, our Secretary is one of our most beloved young men.

The Young People's meeting is a wonderful and spiritual help of our church. Under the true guidance and eagerness of our President, Melvin Jones, one of the finer young men of the church, will learn a lot of grace and goodness of our Master. Our Group Captain, Geraldine Harris, one of our newest members, and one of our finest young ladies in the church, is a great blessing to our group.

The Secretary of our Young People's meeting is Mrs. Alice Jones, who has been with us about eight months - the example she is setting, if everyone would follow, we would have a more ~~enriched~~ spiritual and Christ knowing world in which to live.

One of our most wonderful meetings is our Wednesday night prayer meetings and Bible study - this is the night we reason together and understand our desire for living a Christian life.

Mrs. W.P. Heater.
Cuba Church.

Cuba Church-Presbyterian
Cuba, Ga.
March 1952.

Pastor Rev. McPheeters

Officers:

Installed

W. B. Hester
Dr. A. E. Taylor
Robert Harris
Charlie Moore
Charles R. Elliott

Nov. 16, 1952
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Supt. S. S. - Chas. R. Elliott - Teachers, S. S: Date admitted
Mrs. Paul Grimes Feb. 7, 1953
" Charlie Moore "
" Lester Amos "
Chas. R. Elliott "
New members: Admitted

Mrs. Lester Amos July 11, 1953
Ray Amos - Edna Powell "

Members dismissed: Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Taylor - Feb. 8, 1953

New equipment - a stage in the Sunday School building. A huge table to use for our Family Night suppers - Sunday School Register - lawn mower.

We have an annual Christmas program in Cuba which is a great success. The entire membership look forward to this event. We usually have a group consisting of approximately 40 - a lot of work goes into this program.

The officers of the church enjoy a very nice evening at each of their meetings. They all enjoy a nice meal with one of their fellow officers.

MRS. W. B. HESTER

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY
CUBA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
RT. 3, HIGHWAY 27 SOUTH (5MILES) Blakely. Ga.

The history of Cuba Presbyterian Church has never been written before. After looking up old records and doing quite a bit of research, I am attempting in January, 1971, to write the history beginning with its origin and bringing it up to this present date----Mrs. Charlie Moore

In the year about 1919 or 1920, Presbytery of Southwest Ga. sent Miss Annie Mae Cunningham, a missionary worker, who came from Texas, to establish a Sunday School and possibly a church, in the Cuba community. Miss Cunningham made her home with Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Tennant, while she worked in Cuba. A Sunday school was established and classes were held in the old three room Cuba school house with a large number of young people and adults also taking part. The "Christian Endeavor" (as P.Y.F. was then called) was organized for Sunday night. There are no records of Miss Cunningham's work available, however, she must have done a wonderful work. A Mr. Campbell from Donaldsonville helped to continue the work. The Rev. Ralph Gillam came to Cuba in 1922 or 1923 and helped with the organization and building of the church. Sometime in 1922 or the first of 1923, a meeting was held in the living room at the home of Mr. Charles Smith in Blakely to make plans for the church building. With help from Presbytery, donations of money, lumber, materials, and labor from interested persons, the church and community house were built and the church fully organized in 1923. While in Cuba, Mr. Gillam also organized a Presbyterian Church in Blakely, unfortunately, it only lasted a few years. Mr. Gillam worked in Cuba in 1923, 1924 and 1925. Although there is no record of his services, the membership of these years were recorded as follows:

1923

Thomas Amos
Mr. W. A. Bruner
Mr. W. C. Cook
Mrs. W. C. Cook
Carrie Bell Cook
Mrs. Nora Lee (Cook) Harris
Mae Cook
~~Mae Cook~~
Mr. Freddie Earl Lane
Mr. J. C. Weaver
Mrs. J. C. Weaver
Doris Weaver
Alton Weaver

Rollie Lane
C. B. Lane
Howard McCorrie
Mrs. G.O. Lindsey
Mrs. Lula White
Mr. J. O. McDonald
Mrs. J. O. McDonald
~~Mrs. J.O. McDonald~~
T. J. McDonald
Mary Alice Weaver
Douglas Weaver
Olivia Weaver
Eunice Weaver

1924

Idus Davis
Mrs. Alice Grantham
Mr. W. B. Hester
Miss Ada Johnson
Miss Jewell Johnson
Miss Mattie Johnson
Mr. Dewhit Parr
Mrs. Dewhit Parr

Mr. J. S. Moore
George W. Moore
Mr. George Pickle
Earl Pickle
Lewis Pickle
Lenwood Pickle
Mr. L. S. Palmer
Mrs. L. S. Palmer

Cleveland Palmer
 Bascom Palmer
 Mrs. Essie Roberts
 Mrs. Mary Roberts

Mr. Bob Royals
 Mrs. Bob Royals
 Mr. J. G. Grantham

1925

Eddie Mae Avery
 Ramond Avery
 Mrs. Gene Blackburn
 Mrs. W. J. Collier, Sr.
 Mr. T. W. Davenport
 Mrs. T. W. Davenport
 Mrs. Anthney Hester

Mr. D. W. Grimes
 Mrs. D. W. Grimes
 Mrs. J. W. Grimes
 Mrs. W. B. Hester
 Harace Cook
 Leslie Cook
 Mrs. James Holder

The first minutes of the church were recorded, May 9th, 1926, with the Rev. F. H. Chapman as pastor of church. The session was D. C. Cook clerk and W. A. Bruner, with Mr. T. W. Davenport being added in August. Mr. Davenport was elected church treasurer December 16, 1926. On Feb. 13, 1927, Mr. Davenport, his wife, and daughter, Mrs. Paulene Davenport Collier were granted their church letter to join the Blakely Church.

Members added in 1926

Willie Belisle
 Davie Lee Belisle
 Miss Ada Bullock
 Eva Gene Brannen
 Dorothy Brannen
 Marcine Gibson
 Eugene Gibson
 Flora Gibson
 Dixie Palmer
 Mrs. Mary Palmer

W. J. Collier, Jr.
 Miss Sallie Collier
 Mr. Bob Davis
 Mrs. Bob Davis
 Mrs. Robert Geeslin, Sr.
 Miss Rebecca Geeslin
 Mrs. Jim Justice
 Miss Brunice Justice
 Miss Elizabeth Lucinda Smith
 Miss Truddie Collier

On March 13, 1927, Mr. J. S. Moore was elected Elder, Mr. J. O. Taylor and Mr. J. T. Justice were elected deacons. Mr. W. B. Hester was elected church secretary and Mr. J. T. Justice elected church treasurer. Willie Belisle was elected Sunday School Superintendent and treasurer of Sunday School.

An 8-Day Revival was held in June, 1927 with the Rev. Mr. Dick assisting Mr. Chapman. The following members were added...

1927

Miss Alena Belisle
 Miss Lizzie Ruth Davis
 Mrs. Annie English
 Mrs. Jackson Davis
 Mrs. Clyde Johnson
 Mr. Clyde Johnson
 Miss Eva John Elliott
 Miss Idell Mitchell

Stella Mae Rayburn
 Mr. Willie Rayburn
 Mr. Griggs Sheffield
 Mr. J. O. Taylor
 Mrs. J. O. Taylor
 A. Early Taylor
 Jimmie Taylor

No minutes or members were recorded in 1928. On January 13, 1929 still with the Rev. F. H. Chapman, the session remaining same as 1927 letters of dismissal were

granted to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Weaver and their children, Doris, Douglas, Mary Alice, Olivia, and Eunice. On April 10th Mr. D. C. Cook was granted his letter to join the First Presbyterian Church of Detroit, Mich. W. A. Bruner was elected clerk of session and also elected to attend Presbytery meeting in Cairo, Ga. The following statistical report was made on April 10, 1929. Elders--2, deacons---2, total members 51. Number on Sunday School Roll--97. Paid on pastors salary \$54.00. The report was approved by Presbytery in Cairo, April 17, 1929 and was signed by DA A. Swicord. On Oct. 13, 1929 Miss Rebecca Geeslin was granted her letter to join the church in Blakely.

Members added in 1929

Mr. Belisle
Mrs. W. A. Bates
Mrs. Clyde Davis
Mrs. J. J. Elliott
Mr. R. T. Reynolds
Mrs. R. T. Reynolds

Mrs. Belisle
Idus Bates
Paul Grimes
Jenet Elliott
Oren Reynolds

In 1930 still with the Rev. Chapman, and elders J. S. Moore and W. A. Bruner the following members were added:

Mr. W. J. Collier, Sr.
Hazel Vivian Elliott
Alicestene Elliott
Mrs. B. E. Houston
Mrs. I. M. Nix
Ida Bell McNair

Thomas Sherman Hester
Mary Louise Hester
James Durham Hester
Mrs. Jim Hester
Milton Randol Roberts
Mrs. Ruth Ethridge

On July 13, 1930, Mr. Berry was appointed by the session to Sunday School Supt. On October 12, Leslie Cook was granted his letter to join the Cuthbert Pres. Church. W. A. Bruner elected to attend fall meeting of Presbytery, J. S. Moore elected alternate. This is the last record of the ministry of the Rev. F. H. Chapman,

The church was without a pastor in 1931, and 1932. In 1933, Mr. R. D. Littleton a student preacher, age about 22, served as minister of the church and stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hester. Mr. Littleton served about 6 months and these members were added in 1932:

Parks Hester

Morris Roberts

1933

Thomas (Tom Boy) Amos
Lewis Justice

Emmet Justice
Irene Justice

There is no record of services at the church from 1933 through 1939, however, we know that the church was served occasionally by Rev. M. C. Liddell.

One member added in 1938

Mrs. R. C. Taylor

For three years, 1935, '36 and '37, a missionary, Miss Mc Ciever served the church and kept Sunday school going. Miss Mc Ciever stayed at the home of Mrs. Jim Hester.

The next recording of minutes was by the Rev. J. S. Davis in 1940. Mr. Davis served the church possibly through 1944 or 1945. Members added were:

1940	
Mrs. Bertha Cannon Frank Cannon	Inez Cannon
1941	
Mrs. Idus Bates Mr. Joe Brown Hilda Brown Eugene Brown Ralph Grimes Mrs. Joe Hand Grimes	Evelene Bates Mrs. Joe Brown Mildred Brown Mrs. Houston Creel Raymond Creel Willard Houston
1942	
Tommy Creel Betty Hayes W. J. Houston	Garland Grimes Bobby Hayes
1944	
John Shaw Elliott Charles Elliott Mrs. Lamar Blackburn	Mr. Harvey Bates Mrs. Harvey Bates Frank Powell
1945	
Collier Grimes Mary Helen Grimes	Jimmie Hester Emma Houston

In 1946, Mr. O. C. Landrum served as supply pastor, services twice a month for about 3 months. There was an average of about 50 for Sunday School each Sunday afternoon.

In 1948, Rev. Frank Turner served as supply pastor, with Sunday School each Sunday. Mrs. Charlie Moore, who was adult teacher was asked by members to supply as superintendent of Sunday School, which she did.

In January 1949, the Rev. J. Don Skinner, pastor of Donaldsonville church, came to Cuba and offered to serve this church 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, with services in the afternoon. The church enthusiastically received he and his family. Even though there had been no regular worship services, the church had continued to maintain Sunday School with an average of 25-30 attendance. On April 3, 1949, Dr. J. W. Brunson, elder from Donaldsonville Church in session with Pastor Rev. Skinner, Mrs. Charlie Moore was received into membership of the church and was baptized. This year vacation bible was held (for the first time) the same week of revival services. Bible School consisted of 4 classes, beginners, with Mrs. Paul Grimes, Intermediate with Miss Lillian Barver, Juniors with Miss Ann Flemming and Seniors with Mrs. Charlie Moore. There was an average attendance of 50 for 5 days. Refreshments were served each day by different women of the community. The Rev. E. L. Barber, Executive Secretary to the Southwest Ga. Presbytery, preached for the revival. In 1949, there was extensive repair done on the community house and church including a new top on each building. Money

for this repair, half was paid by Presbytery, and half being solicited by the young people and donations by interest people. Members added were:

1949

Mrs. Charlie Moore

Mr. Charlie Moore
Phillip Moore
Betty Elliott
Edith Caroline Grimes
Jack Grimes
Davis Edward Parr
Davis Edward Womble

Louise Blackburn
Duane Bates
Wilber Ree Bates
Barbara June Bates
George Lane Moore
Junior Wilburn
Donald Ray Wilburn
Juanita Womble

In 1950, Sunday School Attendance averaged, 35-40. Teachers were Mrs. Paul Grimes, Charles Elliott and Mrs. Charlie Moore. This year, Presbytery of Southwest Ga. met for summer meeting at Cuba, with women of the church furnishing dinner in the community house. Worship services continued 1st and 3rd Sunday afternoons with the Rev. Skinner. Bible School was held again this year at same time of revival. Women of the church served refreshments each day and a picnic on Friday. Those helping with bible school were: Beginners: Mrs. J. Don Skinner, Intermediates: Mrs. Charlie Moore, Juniors: Mrs. Paul Grimes, Seniors: Charles Elliott. An average attendance of 50 each day for 5 days.

1950

Bobby Creel
Mrs. W. O. Creel
Mr. Houston Creel
Mrs. Collie Houston
Mr. Melvin Jones
Dr. A. Early Taylor
Mrs. A. Early Taylor

Mr. Robery Harris
Mrs. Robert Harris
Geraldine Harris
Charlene Houston
Mrs. Melvin Jones
Mrs. Jimmie Taylor

P.Y.F. was active for several years, beginning in 1949-with a large group of young people. In 1951, services same as 1949 and 1950. Bible school and revival in summer. One member was added in 1951: Billie Ray Harris.

Late in 1951, the Rev. Skinner was transferred to a church in North Carolina. The remainder of 1951 and part of 1952 in the absence of a regular pastor, the church was served pretty regular, by the following ministers and student ministers. Rev. Bill Neef, missionary to Africa, Rev. W. D. Stewart and Rev. Frank McElroy.

In the first of 1952, the Rev. T. B. McPheeters came to Cuba. He was also pastor of Donaldsonville church, therefore services continued in the afternoons of 1st and 3rd Sundays. We still had very good Sunday School, P.Y.F. and bible school in summer. The session from Donaldsonville Church consisting of Dr. Brunson, W. L. Barber and Mr. Arden Parker were called into Cuba Church by Rev. McPheeters to receive the following members:

1952

Mrs. Lester Amos
Ray Amos
Edna Powell

Ruthie Amos
Jimmie Grimes

On July 20 in 1952 a congregation meeting was called to see about electing elders. At this time, the only living elder was Mr. J. S. Moore, who due to age and failing health, had become inactive. Mr. W. B. Hester deacon, was elected

to elder, also elected to elder was Dr. A. Earl Taylor and deacon was Mr. Robert Harris. Mrs. W. B. Hester was church Secretary and treasurer. Rev. T. B. McPheeters pastor. In 1953, still with the Rev. McPheeters as pastor, officers of the church the same and Charles Elliott as Sunday School Superintendent and also a deacon. Elected to deacons was Mr. Charlie Moore. The following budget was proposed and excepted by the church for the year 1954.

Pastors Salary:	\$120.00
Sunday School and Young People Literature	80.00
Electric Bills	15.00
Property Maintainance	15.00
Vacation Bible School	25.00
Presbyterial Tax	15.00
Total:	\$270.00

An applicatin was made to Presbytery for \$480.00 to supplement pastors salary. It was recommended that the church pay \$200.00 to benevolence. In 1953, there was a very good vacation bible school with Gordon Bradford a student minister as director with teachers, Mrs. Charlie Moore, Mrs. Paul Grimes, Mrs. L. H. Pickle, and Mrs. Lester Amos. An average attendance of 45. Revival was same week as bible school. Members added were:

1953

Melba Jones	Mr. Clyde Johnson
Kenneth Moore	Arthur Ray Moore
Carl Moore	Joyce Moore
Mrs. L. H. Pickle	Lynwood Pickle
Larry Pickle	Rachel Sirmons
Bernice Taylor	Mr. R. C. Taylor

In 1954, pastor, officers, teachers and services remained the same, with a good Sunday School, P. Y. F. Bible School and revival. This year Southwest Ga. Presbytery met at Cuba for summer meeting. A Bar-B-Que dinner was served in the community house by the women of the church. The Bar-B-Que was prepared by George Bridges a from the Rocky Ridge Shurch and Charlie Moore from Cuba. In a session meeting on August 1, Mrs. W. B. Hester resigned as secretary and treasurer. Deacon Charlie Moore was elected to secretary and treasurer. Rev. McPheeters was transferred to Dawson Church in the fall of 1954. Members added were:

1954:

Lester Amos	Eloise Williford
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The church again was without a pastor, but was supplied pretty regular for the remainder of 1954 and 1955 by Mr. Punt, missionary who was working with "The Haven" in Albany. The REv. Mr. Clenny from Columbus and student ministers, Gordon Bradwell and Richard (Dick) Smith. In 1955, we still had a good Sunday School bible school and P. Y. F. for revival services this year, the preachers were SAunders Garwood from Donaldsonville and Perry Mobly from Albany. Members a-ded:

1955:

Mr. Roscell Jones	Sterling Jones
Mrs. Roscell Jones	Wayne Jones
Lucy Thompson.	

In March of 1956, the Rev. Kennth Boyer a student at Semenary in Atlanta came to Cuba and also preached at Ft. Gaines. Sunday School continued as usual with some

what smaller group than in years passed also P.Y.F. Mr. Boyer preached the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class at Damascus High School, those graduating in the class from the Cuba Shurch were Phillip Moore, Jack Grimes, Wilber Ree Bates, Duane Bates and Joseph Womble. Bibl School this summer was in charge of Charles Elliott. It was decided not to have a revival in the summer. Rev. R. D. Littleton from Atlanta preached for revival in MNovember. 50 new hymnals were purchased for the church and gas heat was installed in the church and community house. Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting was instigated. The only member added in 1956 was Mr. Clarence Womble.

On Feb. 5, 1957, the Rev. Kenneth Boyer pastor, with the session, elders Dr. A. Earl Taylor and W. B. Hester, deacons Chrlie Moore and Charles Elliott the following business was approved. Due to Robert Harris moving ouf of the community, it was decided to elect Charles Elliott to elder and elect some new deacons. Those nominated and later carried before the church and elected were Phillip Moore, Collier Grimes, Lester Amos, and Roscell Jones. Charlie Moore resigned as Secretary-Tracsurer and Dr. Taylor elected. The ordination services for new elected deadons was held with Sunday Morning worship service. Feb. 12, 1957 with Rev. Archie Smith, Executive secretary for Southwest Ga. Presbytery, presadding. In 1957, with Mr. Boyer, the duties and qualifications of elders and deacons, was studied and also church government and procedures. Mr. Boyer again preached the baccalaureat sermon for graduating class at Damascus. Those graduating in the class from Cuba Church were: Ray Amos.

A good bible school was held this year, Mr. Boyer made a picture movie of the bible school to take with him on a mission to Korea. He showed the film at the church on a Sunday night at P.Y.F. meeting just before he left to go to Korea. Mr. Boyer was born in Korea, his parents were missionaries there, he came to the United Stated for his theological training, he was going back to Korea as a missionary. He left Cuba the last of August in 1957.

IN 1958, the church was served 2nd and 4th Sundays by Rev. Edwards a student from seminary in Atlanta. There was still a good Sunday School with Charles Elliott as superintendent and Meverly Dawne Steel as treasurer. P.Y.F. became extinct. In 1959 and 1960 we still had Sunday School which was rapidly dwindling away. There was no worship service until in 1961 Mr. Walter Coddington, a chaplain from Tuner Field Albany served the church 2nd and 4th Sundays in the morning. Mr. Coddington served the church in 1961, 1962 and most of 1963, when he retired from the Air Force and went to seminary in Atlanta to study for the ministry. Members added in 1962 were Mrs. John Taylor, Mrs. W. O. Thompson, Nancy Thompson and Jacky White.

The church was again without a pastor for 1964, 1965, and 1966. There was no Sunday School. In April 1966 the Rev. R. D. Littleton, from Atlanta, came and preached a 3 night service for Easter. AT this time, Mrs. Sterling Jones made her profession of faith and was received into the church and baptized, then the ordinance of infant baptism was administered for their infant son, Sterling Price Jones, Jr. On May 28, 1967, Sterling Price Jones, Sr. was ordained as an elder. The services were administered by the Rev. ARchie C. Smith, executive secretary of Presbytery. Members added:

1966:

Mrs. STerling Jones

In 1967, the Rev. Harrison Morgan who was in his senior year at seminary, Atlanta came to serve Cuba and Ft. Gaines churches. Until Rev. Morgan's graduation from seminary, he came down from Atlanta for services one week end at Cuba and one week end in Ft. Gaines each month. The three summer months Mr. Morgan and his family moved to Ft. Gaines and worked full time at both churches. On July 7, 1968 at Ft. Gaines, Mr. Morgan was ordained and installed for both churches. The services were administered by the Rev. Archie C. Smith, executive secretary to Presbytery and several other ministers and Laymen from Southwest Ga. Presbytery. The same day open house was held at the Mance, which was nearing completion in Fr. Gaines and a supper at the Cornelia Club House before the ordination service.

With Presbytery still suppling the pastor's salary more than half, for Cuba Church. Cuba Church agreed to share in half, with Ft. Gaines the payments on the new mance.

During Mr. Morgans work at Cuba, several attempts have been made to revive Sunday School. WE still oder Sunday School material, but it goes unused about half the time. On July, 14, 1968, Collier Grimes was elected from deacon to elder and was ordained, by pastor Morgan on July 21. Cuba voted to send \$10.00 monthly to Presbytery. Bernice Taylor was elected church secretary and treasurer. A motion was brought before the church and carried to put new furniture in the church. Donations and contributions were deposited in a special building fund. A \$4,500.00 budget was proposed and adopted for the year 1969.

On May 4, 1969 a committee consisting of Dr. A. Earl Taylor, Mrs. Charlie Moore, Mrs. R. C. Taylor, Charles Elliott and Bernice Taylor, to investigate and select new furniture.

The week of May 14, 1969, new wall to wall carpet and nre furniture throughout the church was installed. A large payment was made when the furniture was installed, another payment was made in 1970. WE hope to pay the balance in 1971. The church was also painted inside and outside in 1969. A new air conditioner was installed and paid for by Presbytery. In the fall of 1969, a heating system was installed.

1968:

Mrs. Collier Grimes
Ricky Nasworthy
Junior Williford
Patricia Lovering

Tommy Hester
Joe Tedder
Ronnie Wilson

1969:

Mr. Noel Haskins
Clay Haskins

Mrs. Noel Haskins

On first Sunday of Jan. 1970, before morning service Mr. Charlie Moore and Mr. Noel Haskins were installed as new elders.

No November 20th Sterling Joines, elder delivered the morning sermons with a message to the church on stewardship. Sterling also brought the morning message on Dec. 27th for Cuba and Ft. Gaines. In June 1970, due to no Sunday School for their children, the Noel Haskins family moved their membership to

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First Methodist Church in Blakely. There never has been an organization of women of the church at Cuba, however, plans are underway now to organize. On January 17, 1971, Peggier Tedder was admitted to membership.

Through the nearly 50 years of the existence of the Cuba Presbyterian Church, there has been an overall membership of 218 members. Due to death, moving away and transferring letters, there is now a membership of 45. The person who has been a member for the longest time and still living in the community is Mr. George W. Moore, who joined the church in 1924, when he was a young boy, at the same time of his father, J. S. Moore. There are 3 members, who joined in 1925, have always lived in the community and never moved their memberships. They are Mrs. Gene Blackburn, Mrs. D. W. Grimes and Mrs. W. B. Hester. The next oldest member is Dr. A. Earl Taylor who joined in 1927 while quite young, when his father and mother, Mr. & Mrs. J. O. Taylor joined. Dr. Taylor some years later transferred his membership to other churches. Then in 1950, Dr. Taylor and his wife were transferred to Cuba Church from First Pres. Church in Columbus Ga.

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